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PUBLIC SERVICE AWARD NAMED AFTER BRUCE JAMES

Washington, DC-The Rochester Institute of Technology has named one of its public service awards, the Bruce R. James '64 Distinguished Public Service Award, after RIT graduate, Chairman of the RIT Board of Trustees, and Public Printer of the United States Bruce R. James for his 40 years of dedicated public service.

"I am a true believer in the importance of having a balanced life including work, family and public service. No matter what the school, the American public finances a good portion of the costs of everyone's college education which in turn obligates each recipient to devote a portion of their life to public service," said Public Printer of the United States Bruce James. "It is an honor to have this award carry my name, I congratulate the winners and all of those in the RIT community who strive to make this a better place through service to our world."

The award recognizes a student for exemplary public service in the wider Rochester, New York community. The Inaugural Bruce R. James '64 Distinguished Public Service Award went to Sheila Sarratore, a fourth-year new media publishing major from Vermilion, Ohio. The Student Government President also served as President of Greek Council, and was a member of the women's tennis team. While at RIT, Sarratore has volunteered for Special Olympics, the American Cancer Society and Cystic Fibrosis.

The Bruce R. James '64 Distinguished Public Service Award is one of two Alfred L. Davis Public Service Awards given out every year. The second award is the Four Presidents Distinguished Public Service Award. Davis has been associated with RIT since 1938 - first as a faculty member, later as a vice president, and today as an active retiree, mentor and adviser.

To view James' biography please visit: <http://www.gpo.gov/management/ppbio.htm>

Linda Saferite is CEO of the Tulsa City-County Library and was recently awarded Tulsa's Pinnacle Award for Arts and Humanities. Tulsa City-County Library was named the first-ever Federal Depository Library of the Year in 2003. Linda has served as Library Director in Fort Collins, Colorado, and in Scottsdale, Arizona. She is past Chair of the AMIGOS Library Services board serving seven southwestern states.

Mark Sandler is currently Collection Development Officer for the University of Michigan University Library. Throughout his tenure at Michigan, Sandler has been instrumental in digitalization initiatives and the Google E-Print partnership. He previously served as Chairman of the Chief Collection Development Officers of Large Research Libraries Discussion Group.

Geoffrey Swindells is head of the Government Documents Department at the University of Missouri-Columbia. He also serves as Regional Federal Depository Librarian for the state of Missouri. Swindells expertise on the preservation and digitization of government documents has been referenced in a recent Rare and Endangered Government Publications (REGP) report. He is an active member of the American Library Association's Government Documents Roundtable (GODORT).

The Depository Library Council advises the Public Printer and Superintendent of Documents on matters related to the FDLP. The Council consists of 15 members with diverse expertise from the Government information community who each serve three-year terms. The Council meets bi-annually and the Public Printer appoints five members every year. For more information about the FDLP or the GPO, please visit www.gpo.gov.

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